

2013 SUMMER YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

During the summer months, LA County is rolling out an “Earn & Learn” program designed to provide work-based learning to approximately 3,100 youth ages 14-21 beginning July through the end of September 2013. The goal of the program is to introduce young people to the workplace, gain valuable employment skills and earn an income. In addition, youth will receive 12 hours of "Personal Growth" training to help them acquire some of the basic "soft skills" necessary to succeed in the workplace. Upon completion of the program, youth will receive a certificate of Work Readiness.

Eligibility:

The County’s summer program is designed primarily for youth whose family is receiving public assistance or are part of the juvenile justice system. Due to the limited number of slots, only youth that demonstrate readiness to begin paid work experience will be selected.

Program Design:

To participate in the program, each Youth will be required to go through the following components:

- **Work Readiness Assessment:** At the beginning and end of the summer program, each youth will be assessed to determine their success in various areas necessary to succeed in the workforce such as, communication and ability to follow directions.
- **Personal Growth Training:** Youth will receive 12 hours of training to boost and develop an understanding of workplace competencies needed to succeed in the modern workplace. Training topics include:
 - Career Exploration
 - Time & Money Management
 - Business Culture 101
 - Being Job Ready Head to Toe
- **Paid Work Experience:** Youth may work an average of 100 hours working in jobs as diverse as clerical support, teacher’s aide and maintenance workers. Youth will earn about \$800 while gaining valuable real life lessons.

Youth will be placed in public, non-profit and for-profit agencies. Some of the organizations that have worked with the County in the past include:

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| • City Recreation Centers | • Foot Locker |
| • University of California | • TJ Maxx |
| • YMCA | • Old Navy |
| • L.A. County Parks and Recreation | • L.A. County Public Library |

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Enrollment:

There are approximately 30 agencies throughout the County enrolling youth. The enrollment process will start in June. Youth will be selected on a “first come, first served” basis. Eligible youth selected for this program will be notified in July.

For more information contact us at summeryouthjobs@css.lacounty.gov.